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In re application of: George K. Wai et al

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**PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE A RESPONSE
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136 (a)**

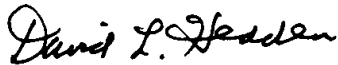
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Dear Sir:

Applicants request a three-month extension of time to file a response in the above-identified patent application. Applicants' attorney authorizes the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to charge deposit account #01-2530 in the amount of \$930.00 for the payment of this fee. Applicants' attorney further authorizes the Commissioner to charge deposit account #01-2530 for

any additional fees required to maintain pendency of this application. An extra copy of this petition is enclosed for the Accounting Department.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David L. Hedden".

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